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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: GOVERNMENT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON MORE  
"MISSING PERSONS"; GOVERNMENT PARTY BLOCKS CONVOCATION OF  
JUSTICE MINISTER

REF: BRASILIA 1077

SUMMARY: CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES MAJORITY LEADER APRIL 9 PROVIDED  
GOVERNMENT REPORT ON WHEREABOUTS OF "MISSING PERSONS" ON MOST  
RECENT LIST SUBMITTED BY OPPOSITION, AND DECLARED ARENA WOULD  
VOTE AGAINST CONVOCATION OF JUSTICE MINISTER ON SUBJECT.  
EMOTIONAL DEBATE FOLLOWED. CHAMBER FOLLOWING DAY VOTED AGAINST  
CONVOCATION, ESSENTIALLY ALONG PARTY LINES. TO BEST OF  
EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, ONLY ONE PERSON ON LIST SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS  
CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEPT. END SUMMARY

1. CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES MAJORITY LEADER JOSE BONIFACIO APRIL 9  
PROVIDED GOVERNMENT REPORT ON WHEREABOUTS OF "MISSING PERSONS"  
IN RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL LIST BY OPPOSITION MDB.  
PRESS ACCOUNTS VARY REGARDING SPECIFICS; WE ARE OBTAINING OFFICIAL  
RECORD AND WILL POUCH IT ASAP. THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY BASED ON  
CONSENSUS OF PRESS REPORTS:

A. JOAM BOSCO ROLLEMBERG CORTES: ARRESTED JUNE OR JULY  
1974, HE IS IN PRISON IN RECIFE UNDERGOING PROCESSING BY  
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MILITARY COURT;

B. ANA MARIO DOS SANTOS: WIFE OF ROLLEMBERG CORTES, ARRESTED JUNE 1974, HOSPITALIZED EARLY SEPTEMBER TO EARLY OCTOBER, RELEASED EARLY NOVEMBER, CURRENTLY WITH RELATIVES IN ARACAJU (SERGIPE), ALSO UNDERGOING PROCESSING BY MILITARY COURT IN RECIFE;

C. MARIO ALBERTINA GOMES BERNACCHIO: ARRESTED MAY 29, 1974, RELEASED JUNE 10, 1974, IN SAO PAULO;

D. RUBENS LIMA REREIRA MACHADO JUNIOR: ARRESTED AND RELEASED JUNE 6, 1974, IN SAO PAULO; CITED BY JORNAL DA TARDE OF MARCH 11, 1975 AS HAVING GONE TO THAT NEWSPAPER AND DECLARED HE AT LIBERTY AND NOT INVOLVED IN ANY POLITICAL PROCESS;

E. RAUL ISIDORA PEREIRA AND LAURITA RICARDO SALLES: ARRESTED JUNE 6, 1974 IN SAO PAULO AND RELEASED SAME DAY;

F. IVAN AKSELUD DE SEIXAS: ARRESTED APRIL 16, 1971 IN SAO PAULO; AUGUST 1971, MILITARY COURT DECIDED HE BE "SUBMITTED TO CUSTODY"; 1972, SUPREME MILITARY COURT DECIDED AGAINST HABEAS CORPUS; IN DENIAL OF OCTOBER 1972 REQUEST FOR RELEASE, JUDGE PLACED HIM IN CUSTODY OF JUVENILE AUTHORITIES IN SAO PAULO; CITED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IN 1974 AS "POLITICAL PRISONER";

G. PAULO DE TARSO CELESTINO DA SILVA: CONDEMNED (APPARENTLY IN ABSENTIA) TO TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS IN PRISON FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES; AT LARGE;

H. SERGIO RUBENS DE ARAUJO TORRES: AT LARGE;

I. JAIME AMORIM DE MIRANDA: POLITICAL RIGHTS SUSPENDED FEBRUARY 1967, PREVENTIVE ARREST DECREED FEBRUARY 1971; AT LARGE;

J. ISIS DIAS DE OLIVEIRA: AT LARGE;

K. PEDRO CELESTINO DA SILVA PEREIRA FILHO: ARRESTED JULY 1970 IN RIO, BROUGHT UNDER NATIONAL SECURITY LAW, PREVENTIVE IMPRISONMENT DECREED UNDER SAME LAW, ABSOLVED 1973 FOR LACK OF PROOF; ARRESTED JANUARY 1974, IN RIO, CURRENTLY DETAINED.  
NOTE: IN ALL CASES, PRESENTATION INCLUDED REHEARSAL OF SUBJECT'S RECORD OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

2. DURING EMOTION-CHARGED DEBATE WHICH ENSUED, JOSE BONIFACIO SOUGHT TO UNDERCUT MDB POSITION BY ASSERTING THAT OPPOSITION ONLY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THOSE WHO HAD DISAPPEARED OR CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN TORTURED IF THEY WERE SUBVERSIVES, NOTING INTER ALIA THAT THOUSANDS OF PERSONS DISAPPEAR EACH YEAR WITHOUT THE MDB'S PROTESTING. IN RESPONSE, MDB'S OUTSPOKEN LYSANIAS MACIEL NOTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BONIFACIO HAD LEFT OUT PEOPLE RUN OVER, OR SUFFERING FROM STOMACH ACHES, ETC. MINORITY LEADER LAERTE VIER, BLUNTLY AND TO THE POINT, REVIEWED GOVERNMENT'S PRACTICE OF VARIOUSLY ASSERTING THAT SOME HAVE FLED, OTHERS ARE AT LARGE, STILL OTHERS IN HIDING, ETC., SAYING IN FACT THEIR SITUATION CAN BE SUMMED UP: "PERSONS DELIVERED TO THE CUSTODY OF AGENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE (SIC)."

3. FOLLOWING DAY, AS WAS INEVITABLE, ARENA MAJORITY IN CHAMBER VOTED DOWN MDB PROPOSAL TO CONVOKE JUSTICE MINISTER FALCAO TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON MISSING PERSONS. BASIS OF ARENA POSITION, AS EXPLAINED BY JOSE BONIFACIO, WAS THAT FALCAO WOULD BE UNABLE TO SAY MORE THAN HE ALREADY HAD. OPPOSING VIEW CONTENDED THAT GOVERNMENT SIMPLY HAD TO BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH BETTER INFORMATION THAN IT HAD SO FAR, AND THAT ADDITIONALLY, CONGRESS IN SEEKING TO CARRY OUT AND STRENGTHEN ITS CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONVOKE ANY MINISTER WITHOUT SUCH A FUSS BEING MADE. INTERESTINGLY, SOME ARENA DEPUTIES MADE KNOWN THEIR SYMPATHY WITH THIS VIEW, AND ALTHOUGH THE PARTY-FIDELITY LAW OBLIGED THOSE PRESENT TO VOTE AS DIRECTED, SOME DID NOT SHOW UP. DISSIDENCE WAS ALSO DISCERNIBLE ON THE MDB SIDE, WHERE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER, MOSTLY FROM RIO DE JANEIRO AND RIO GRANDE DO SUL, ALSO FAILED TO APPEAR.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE CHAMBER VOTE WAS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION, IT BY NO MEANS MARKS THE END OF THE ISSUE OF MISSING PERSONS OR OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL; THE CHAMBER DEBATES, INDEED, RE-HEATED THE ATMOSPHERE SOMEWHAT. THE GOVERNMENT'S HOPE NOW, HOWEVER, IS DOUBTLESS THAT ITS LATEST EFFORT TO APPEAR FORTHCOMING (BY PRESENTING ANOTHER LIST) WILL SERVE TO APPEASE OPPOSITIONISTS WHILE THE ARENA SUCCESS IN STAYING OFF CONVOCATION WILL REASSURE CONCERNED MILITARY LEADERS. THE VOTE DOES SERVE TO CLOSE OFF, IN EFFECT, THE CONGRESSIONAL ROUTE FOR FORMAL ACTION, I.E. CONVOKING FALCAO OR ESTABLISHING A PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION OF INQUIRY; THE DEBATE, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE. WORTH NOTING THAT IN THIS CASE, IN CONTRAST TO EARLIER RESPONSE, GOVERNMENT HAS ADMITTED THAT CERTAIN LISTED INDIVIDUALS ARE IN CUSTODY. END COMMENT.

5. NOTE: TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE FOLLOWING REVIEW OF FILES HERE, ONLY PERSON ON LIST WHO HAS FIGURED IN PREVIOUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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